

REMARKS

In the instant Action, Claims 1-27 are listed as pending and subject to a restriction/election requirement. In the instant Action, the Examiner has required restriction between the following inventions:

- I) Claims 1-12, drawn to compounds.
- II) Claims 13-15, drawn to methods of using compounds.
- III) Claims 16-24, drawn to compounds.
- IV) Claims 25-27, drawn to methods of using compounds.

As noted above, Applicant hereby provisionally elects to prosecute the invention of Group I, represented by Claims 1-12. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

The Examiner indicated that Applicant must elect a single species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. In reply, Applicant hereby provisionally elects the compound of Example 11, *i.e.*, **(Aib^{8,35,37}, Gaba³⁸)hGLP-1(7-38)NH₂**; (SEQ ID NO:4). Claims 1-3 and 9-12 read on the elected species.

As noted in the instant Action, in the event that claims of Group I are found allowable, method-of-use claims will be rejoined therewith.

Examiner Lukton is invited to telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney to facilitate prosecution of this application

Prompt and favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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